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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP AND MODULE
CONTAINING THE SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H08-68913, published March 12, 1996.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H05-333222, published December 17, 1993.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H08-160236, published June 21, 1996.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H06-250034, published September 9, 1994.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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